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REMARKS

By this Supplemental Amendment, claims 1 and 13 are amended, and claim 19 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, the subject matter of claim 19 incorporated into independent claim 1. No new matter is presented hereby. Claims 1, 3-5, 7-9, 11-13, 15-18 and 20 are pending. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Mondt for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative during the July 15, 2003 telephone interview. During the interview, Applicant's representative proposed amending claims 1 and 13, and discussed differences between the Mo et al. reference and the present application, including the features recited in claims 19 and 20.

The subject matter from claim 19 is hereby incorporated into independent claim 1, and claim 13 is amended for clarity.

In view of the foregoing, all the claims are now believed to be in form for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited. If any point remains in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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